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*Mortality of the city of Habana and town of Regla for the week ended Thursday, February 24, 1898.*

Cause of death.	Habana.	Regla.	Total.
Enteric fever.....	10	.....	10
Pernicious fever.....	6	1	7
Malarial fever.....	14	8	22
Smallpox.....	22	1	23
Beriberi.....	1	.....	1
Enteritis.....	62	7	69
Dysentery.....	23	17	40
Diarrhea.....	6	2	8
Caquexia paludica.....	15	2	17
Pneumonia.....	5	.....	5
Tuberculosis.....	43	8	51
Meningitis.....	9	.....	9
Deaths from all causes.....	395	55	450
Deaths in military hospitals.....	86	46	132
Deaths in military hospitals from yellow fever.....	0	0	.....
Annual ratio per 1,000.....	.....	.....	117.00

## GREAT BRITAIN.

*Smallpox at Middlesborough.*

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, February 11, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a serious epidemic of smallpox has broken out at the port of Middlesborough, in this consular district.

From the commencement of the outbreak I have been in constant communication with my consular agent, Mr. Neilsen, at West Hartlepool, and inclose a letter from him, of yesterday's date, in which he states that he can not obtain an official statement from the local sanitary authorities.

Very few vessels leave Middlesborough for the United States, but several go from the neighboring port of Hartlepool, about 12 miles distant.

I also inclose cuttings from a local newspaper, in which the latest number of cases is given as 301 and 19 deaths.

Should the epidemic become more serious, or spread to other parts of this district, I shall at once cable the Department.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HORACE W. METCALF,  
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

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UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENCY,  
West Hartlepool, February 9, 1898.

SIR: I am in receipt of your yesterday's favor, asking for an official report as to the smallpox epidemic at Middlesborough.

I am unable to obtain reliable figures as to number of cases, as the sanitary authorities at Middlesborough refuse to supply same, but in spite of the steps taken by the authorities, the disease still seems to be spreading. According to reports in the press there would appear to be about 90 cases, or less than 1 in every 1,000 inhabitants, and a shortage of the necessary hospital accommodation up to now has, no doubt, helped to spread the disease.

Temporary hospitals have, however, now been erected and with proper isolation and

wholesale revaccination the authorities expect to be able to cope with the malady and prevent it becoming a serious epidemic. The collector of customs at Middlesborough, although in his power to do so, has not yet thought it necessary to issue other than clean bills of health. I am watching the progress of the epidemic, and shall not fail to report any decided change either for better or worse. I do not anticipate any clearances of vessels from Middlesborough to the United States at present.

Yours truly,

HANS C. NIELSEN,  
*Consular Agent.*

JAPAN.

*Sanitary report from Yokohama.*

YOKOHAMA, *February 4, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan, for period January 22 to February 3, inclusive. It will be observed that, with the exception of the outbreak of variola in the Hokkaido (Yezo) and the continued occurrence of plague in Formosa, the sanitary condition of the country is good.

As direct communication between the Hokkaido and foreign ports is very infrequent, and generally by sailing vessels, there seems but little to be feared from that source. As regards the plague in Formosa, the Japanese government recognizes the danger, and strict precautions are enforced in connection with all ships coming from the island.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*